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VITTHAYA VEJJAJIVE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF THE SEATING OF GRUNK AND THE PRG WITH THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR MACH 21. HE RECALLED THAT JAPAN HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN WORKING WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED ASIAN COUNTRIES TO KEEP GRUNK FROM BEING SEATING DURING THE 1973 UNGA SESSION. VITTHAYA ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE JAPANESE HAD RECENTLY TURNED DOWN A REQUEST FOR GRUNK PARTICIPATION AT AN OSAKA SPORT FESTIVAL. THIS MOVE SEEMED TO BE A GOOD SIGN THAT JAPAN'S POLICY ON GRUNK HAD NOT CHANGED, BUT HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE CURRENT JAPANESE POSTURE

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2. VITTHAYA SAID THE RTG--AT THE ECAFE CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO AND AT THE SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, BOTH DURING APRIL, AS WELL AS AT THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING SCHEDULED IN JAKARTA FOR EARLY MAY--WOULD GO ALONG WITH THE OTHER ASEAN MEMBER. THE RTG WOULD THUS VOTE AGAINST ANY MOVES TO SEAT THE PRG OR GRUNK AT THESE SESSIONS.

3. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR PASSED TO VITTHAYA EXTRACTS FROM A RECENT "NHAN DAN" EDITORIAL CONDEMNING ASEAN. VITTHAYA COMMENTED THAT THE EDITORIAL MIGHT BE A PRECURSOR OF HANOI' REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE MAY SESSION, DESPITE THE RUMORED INDONESIAN INVITATION (REFTEL B).
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